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SUBJECT EMBASSY VIEWS ON CINCGSFG INVITATION FOR
MEETING WITH CINCUSAREUR

REF: A) CINCUSAREUR MSG O 301631T JUL 73 (NOTAL);

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1. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT THE SOVIET INVITATION FOR
GENERAL DAVISON TO MEET WITH THE CINCGSFG MERITS A
POSITIVE RESPONSE. SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE IN LINE WITH
THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE IN US-USSR RELATIONS AND WOULD
RETURN TO THE NORMAL PRACTICE OF CINC-TO-CINC MEETINGS
WHICH WERE BROKEN OFF IN 1962.

2. EMBASSY IS OF THE VIEW THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD

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TICULARLY IF WE WERE ABLE TO INFORM THE FRG BEFOREHAND ABOUT THE VISIT AND TO INDICATE THAT IT IS A US EFFORT TO RESUME A CONTACT THAT WAS NORMAL IN THE PAST AND WHICH THE UK AND FRENCH CINCS HAVE ENJOYED IN RECENT YEARS. (FYI: THE FRENCH HAVE HAD AT LEAST 12 MEETINGS SINCE 1955, THE LAST IN NOVEMBER 1972. THE UK EXPERIENCE IS MORE LIMITED, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, WITH THE LAST MEETING AE OCCURRED IN EARLY 1966. END FYI.)

3. AS TO THE SUBJECTS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION, WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE, SINCE IT IS THE FIRST MEETING AFTER A PROLONGED HIATUS, THAT POLITICAL TOPICS BE AVOIDED. WHILE WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A GENERAL STATEMENT BY GENERAL DAVISON CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF THE MLMS' BEING ABLE TO WORK WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES, WE CONSIDER THAT THIS TOPIC SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED IN DETAIL, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOME EASING IN SOVIET HARASSMENT IN RECENT WEEKS TO JUDGE BY THE LACK OF REPORTING TO THE CONTRARY FROM HEIDELBERG. IF ON THE OTHER HAND THE SOVIET CINC SHOULD RAISE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE MLMS, GENERAL DAVISON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES INDICATING OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HUEBNER-MALININ AGREEMENT.

4. ABOVE ALL, WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT GENERAL DAVISON STAY FAR FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE US-GDR RELATIONSHIP WHICH MAY LIE AHEAD (SEE PARA 4, REF B). THIS IS A TOPIC THAT SEEMS TO US BOTH UNNECESSARY AND UNWISE FOR THE US SIDE TO RAISE, AS WELL AS BEING PREMATURE IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING US-GDR TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (STATE 150601).
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